

considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of EPRI, the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Possession Licenses for Manufacturing and Distribution, Availability of Draft NUREG

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 12, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Possession Licenses for Manufacturing and Distribution," dated July 1999.

The NRC is using Business Process Redesign techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This draft NUREG report is the 12th guidance document developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

This guidance is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and the NRC staff, and will also be available to Agreement States. This document combines and updates the guidance found in Regulatory Guide 10.7, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses for Laboratory and Industrial Use of Small Quantities of Byproduct Material," dated August 1979; Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Policy and Guidance Directive FC 84-1, "Review Responsibility—Manufacturing and Distribution of Products to Persons Exempt Pursuant to 10 CFR 32.11 through 32.26," dated April 1984; NMSS Policy and Guidance Directive FC 85-6, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for Licenses and Approvals to Authorize Distribution of Various Items to Group Medical Licensees," dated February 1985; and Draft Regulatory Guide DG-0007, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses to Authorize Distribution of Various Items to Commercial Nuclear Pharmacies and Medical Use Licensees," dated March 1997. This draft report takes a more risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing possession for manufacturing and distribution, and reduces the amount of detailed information needed to support an application. Note that this document is strictly for public comment and is not for use in preparing or reviewing possession licenses for manufacturing and distribution licenses until it is published in final form. It is being distributed for comment to encourage public participation in its development. **DATES:** The comment period ends February 2, 2000. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to dlm1@nrc.gov.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 12, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to slm2@nrc.gov. A copy of draft

NUREG-1556, Volume 12, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

The Presidential Memorandum dated June 1, 1998, entitled, "Plain Language in Government Writing," directed that the Federal government's writing be in plain language. The NRC requests comments on this licensing guidance NUREG specifically with respect to the clarity and effectiveness of the language used. Comments should be sent to the address listed above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, telephone (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: slm2@nrc.gov.

#### Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 12 is available electronically by visiting the NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17 day of September, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 38-128

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 38-128, It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit, is used to give recent retirees the opportunity to waive Direct Deposit of their payments from OPM. The form is sent only if the separating agency did not give the retiring employee this election opportunity.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary